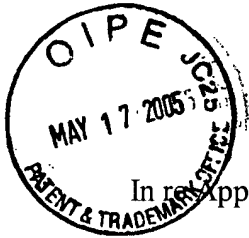


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kazushi WATANABE, et al.

Application No.: 10/694,912

Filed: October 29, 2003

For: DEVELOPING APPARATUS  
HAVING A SHEET PREVENTING A  
DEVELOPING AGENT FROM  
LEAKING OUT OF A CONTAINER  
OPENING

Examiner: Sandra L. Brase

Group Art Unit: 2852

Confirmation No.: 4500

May 17, 2005

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED SHEETS OF THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Official Action, dated February 17, 2005, in the above-identified application. A Response to the Official Action is due on May 17, 2005, and is being filed concurrently herewith.

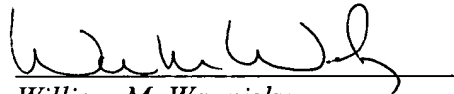
Enclosed are two (2) replacement sheets of corrected formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding sheets presently on file in the application. In the substitute sheets, the legend --PRIOR ART-- has been added to Figures 14 and 15 to avoid an objection raised in the Official Action. Specifically, the legend --PRIOR ART-- has been added to Figures 14 and 15.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Wannisky', is written over a horizontal line.

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